

VERMONT NEWS

Four Thousand Granite Employees Locked Out in Washington County as Result of Dispute.

On Tuesday of last week the Barre Granite Manufacturers' association declared a lockout and the 4000 granite employees, excepting the men on the quarries, in Washington county were left in idleness. The trouble started in Northfield where the Granite Cutters' independent association voted to suspend work on the hand polishers for six months. At the plant of Cross Bros., where the men refused to work on those polishers they were sent home and all the granite men at Northfield quit work. The manufacturers claimed this was a violation of the agreement between them and the unions and ordered the closing of their plants. The granite workers outside of Northfield claimed the lockout was also a violation of the agreement with them.

Bar Association Committees.

President C. G. Austin, of the Vermont State Bar Association, has appointed the following committees for the ensuing year:

On Jurisprudence and Law Reform—Raymond W. Smith of Wells River, H. Charles Royce of St. Albans, Thomas E. Brown of Bellows Falls.

On Professional Conduct—Elmer Johnson of St. Albans, Sherman R. Moulton of Burlington, O. S. Annis of North Troy. On Legal History and Biography—Robert C. Bacon of Brattleboro, H. W. Blake of Island Pond, Allen Martin of Essex Junction.

On Membership—Washington county, William Gates of Montpelier, chairman; Addison county, L. C. Russell of Middlebury; Bennington county, C. M. Graves of Bennington; Caledonia county, J. Rolf Scaries of St. Johnsbury; Chittenden county, Guy B. Horton of Burlington; Franklin county, Eugene A. Ayers of Saxtons River; Essex county, George L. Hunt of Island Pond; Lamoille county, F. H. McFarland of Hyde Park; Orange county, David S. Conant of Bradford; Orleans county, Aaron H. Groat of Newport; Rutland county, John S. Battles of Rutland; Windham county, Frank E. Barber of Brattleboro; Windsor county, Wallace Batchelder of Bethel.

Delegates to the American Bar Association—George B. Young of Newport, H. S. Peck of Burlington, Robert A. Lawrence of Rutland, with power to appoint their substitutes.

Vermont Dairymen's Meeting.

The 40th annual meeting of the Vermont Dairymen's Association will be held in Burlington, Wednesday and Thursday, January 5-6 next. The Vermont Sugar-makers' Association will hold its annual meeting on January 4, and the Women's auxiliary to the Dairymen will meet Wednesday evening. At this latter meeting Governor Prouty will be present and addresses will be made by Miss Terrill of the University of Vermont and others. Among the speakers at the Dairymen's meeting will be J. B. Camden of Pittsford on "Gleanings from the National Convention at Milwaukee;" Mr. Williams manager of a large farm in Quebec; C. C. Jones, manager of Fillmore farms, Bennington; C. V. Roberts of Milton, who will tell how he secured the silver cup at the last dairymen's meeting; one of the Palmer Brothers of New Haven on "Why the Production of Cheese in Vermont has Lessened;" Iva C. Weld of Washington, D. C., will have charge of the milk and cheese tests and will make an address on milk and cream. The annual banquet will be held Thursday evening, January 7. Congressman D. J. Foster will be toastmaster and there will be notable speakers.

Jury Disagreed in Murder Case.

The jury who heard the case of State vs. Robert Eddy charged with the murder of Miss Mary J. Johnson in Wallingford after deliberating on the case for 41 hours reported a disagreement. This was practically the second trial of the case the first jury having been discharged on account of its being allowed to separate by Sheriff Fish. The Johnson woman's body was found in the kitchen of her home on the morning of October 10, a search having been instituted when the woman did not go to a neighbor's for milk, as was her custom each day. The searchers found the body on the floor, surrounded by a large number of cats, which had been her only companions in the little house. There were evidences that there might have been a struggle, as a rug was crumpled and one chair was broken. At the trial, which has occupied several weeks, the physicians testified that the woman died from strangulation. Eddy was arrested on the day following the murder, on the charge of furnishing liquor, and after being sent to the house of correction on that charge, he was indicted by a special grand jury on the charge of killing Miss Johnson.

Want Better Insurance Rates.

The business men of Brattleboro and especially the owners of the business blocks, have been making inquiries of the insurance underwriters and among themselves relative to a term rate of insurance on their property in place of the annual premium payments now in vogue, and as a result of the disturbance, the matter will probably be taken to the board of underwriters for Windham county. Not only does the term rate affect Brattleboro, but it also strikes Bellows Falls and the larger towns throughout the county. In Brattleboro it has been the custom for the owners of the large business blocks and commercial property to pay their insurance premiums annually, while in other counties in the state owners have been given the benefits of a special term rate, and these, by paying their premiums for a term of three years in advance, have been given the advantage of a five year term, while in Brattleboro it has been necessary to pay the premiums for the entire five years.

Can't Test the Cattle

F. L. Davis of White River Junction who was recently appointed cattle commissioner reports that he found hundreds of applications from farmers and dairymen all over Vermont who wanted their cows tested. Some of these were attended to but to the great majority Mr. Davis was obliged to send a circular of declination. Nearly all the \$40,000 appropriated for the fiscal year ending February 1, 1910, has been used and little can be done from now until that date in continuing tests, excepting in a small way. Under the present law the owner of the diseased cow gets 75 per cent. of its appraised value from the state.

University Must Raise \$200,000.

At a special meeting of the trustees of the University of Vermont plans were

discussed looking towards securing \$200,000 for the institution before December 1, 1910.

Half of this sum is needed to pay off the existing debts and another hundred thousand will be required to bring the million dollar endowment fund up to \$500,000, when the Rockefeller gift of a hundred thousand dollars will be available. This sum must be secured by December 1, 1910. Additions to the fund have been small since the report made at commencement. A campaign will be organized at once and effort made to secure the required pledges.

Public Service Hearings in This Section.

The following appointments have been announced by the clerk of the public service commission: November 30, at Newport, to hear a petition against the Boston & Maine railroad for additional train service between Newport and Lyndonville. In the afternoon the collision on the Boston & Maine at Orleans will be investigated. It was in this accident that Fireman Noakes was killed. December 1, at Newport, to hear a petition from the State's attorneys of Orleans and Caledonia counties against the Passumpsic Telephone company and the New England Telephone company, relative to a raise in rates inaugurated about a year ago.

Was Native of Derby.

Edgar O. Silver, of East Orange, N. J., one of the best known publishers in the country and prominent in educational and religious work, died of pneumonia, Thursday. He had been ill but a short time. Mr. Silver was president of the firm of Silver, Bardett & Co., publishers, of New York and Boston, was a trustee of Brown university and of the American Baptist home missionary society. He was born in Derby 40 years ago. He leaves a wife and seven children, two of whom are attending Vassar college. The funeral was held at 11 a. m., on Saturday, Nov. 20. The interment was at Derby.

Hunters' Licenses \$15.267.

State Treasurer E. H. Devitt has received \$15,267.43 for fees paid for hunters' licenses this fall. In accordance with the law passed by the Legislature of 1908 this money goes to the fish and game department to pay for damage done by deer, for the propagation of fish, salaries of officials and for the protection of fish and game. Last year the total amount paid for damage done by deer was \$966. This year in the month of September claims totaling \$1,072 were allowed. It is estimated that the total for damages by deer this year will exceed \$2,000.

Veteran Abducted Girl.

Deputy Sheriff W. L. Fairbanks of Springfield went to Malone, N. Y., last week and brought back with him the 13-year-old daughter of William Blodgett. Miss Blodgett was taken from Springfield about two weeks ago by Joseph Ferguson, a veteran of the civil war, 70 years of age, who has been under arrest for the past two weeks in Malone. Ferguson has been released from the charge of abduction in New York state, but stands liable for prosecution on his return to Vermont.

Elmon F. Peters of Chelsea, 87 years old, died very suddenly last Thursday while sitting in his chair.

John Beecher of Canaan recently fell down stairs at his boarding place and broke his shoulder. His injury was so serious that he was taken to Burlington for an operation but died before reaching the hospital there.

Charles H. Davis, first lieutenant of Co. I, V. N. G. at Brattleboro, has resigned as he hasn't time to give to his duties. It is probable his successor will be elected on Thursday, Dec. 2.

Clayton, the 11 year old son of Frank Douglas of Monkton, was accidentally shot and killed while hunting with Dewey Devold, another young lad.

The Vermont Supreme court, which has been in session in Rutland for three days, adjourned Thursday morning until November 23, when it will be in session at Brattleboro. The court heard four Rutland and Bennington county cases.

The Boston and Maine railroad company is to have a fine new machine and repair shop in White River Junction, and work upon the construction of the same began last week. Both of the present repair shops of the corporation, located just east of the passenger station, will be demolished on the completion of the new shop.

C. E. Shepard of Marshfield has secured pledges for \$642 for the purchase of a fire engine in that town.

Capt. H. C. Moseley of Co. F, V. N. G., of Northfield has resigned on account of an injury to his ankle which has compelled him to use crutches.

A burglar entered the home of H. L. March in Brattleboro, Tuesday night of last week but was discovered by Mrs. March before he secured any booty and made his escape.

Judge A. A. Hall has granted an injunction against Mrs. Bridget M. Bowler of Brattleboro, restraining her from interfering with the construction of a fence between her house and the property of several members of the Grady family. The row has been under way since August.

A man giving the name of H. A. Farland, claiming a residence in Lyndonville borrowed a team of C. S. Lewis in Eden, to drive to Morrisville. He failed to return and Mr. Lewis went to Morrisville where he found his horse in a lively stable where the man left it after trying to sell it. He had sold the carriage and left town. The carriage was recovered but the robe has not been found.

The Marshfield Building association has voted to reconstruct the buildings recently burned there and work on the Pythian building will be commenced at once. Mr. Ormsbee will rebuild in the spring.

The annual meeting of the Vermont Branch of the National American Red Cross will be held in Brattleboro, at the Brooks House, Wednesday, November 24, at 5 p. m. The business to be transacted consists of the election of one or more delegates to represent the Vermont branch at the National congress to be held in Washington, D. C., December 7, 1909, and to listen to the reports of various officers and the submission of a plan for the reorganization of state branches proposed by the National Red Cross committee. A public meeting in the interest of the Red Cross will be held at 8 o'clock in the evening, when an address will be delivered by B. O. Satterwhite of New York city.

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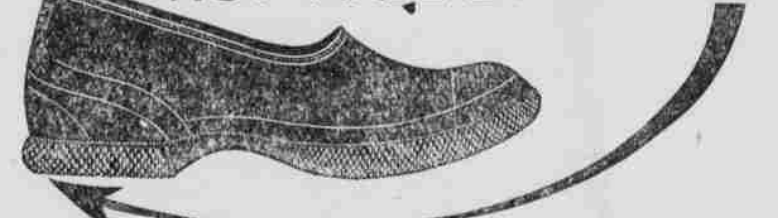
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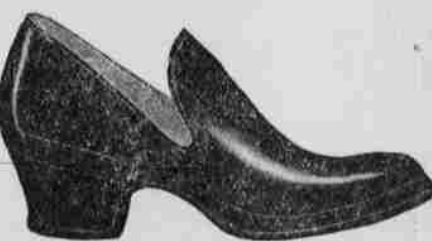
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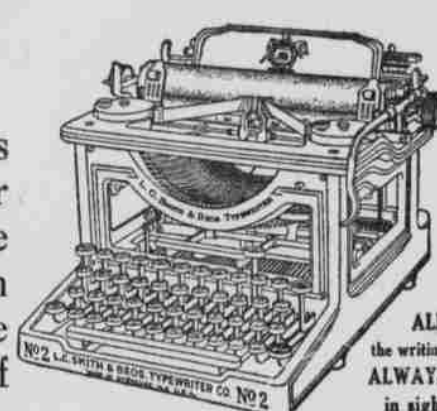
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